

25.1.27. To-day the children turned the hostility which they had played yesterday, on to Phineas, running towards him with scissors which they had been using in their hands. Phineas is more easily frightened, and cried.

28.1.27. To-day after lunch, before the table had been cleared, the children were enjoying a romping game, and Conrad was watching them. He was so absorbed in watching their play, that he leant too heavily on the table and tipped it up so that some crockery fell off and was broken. He flushed and looked ready to cry, but refused to help pick up the things. The other children were very scornful about this, called him "a beast" and said they "hated him" because one of their favourite red plates had been broken. During the next few days they reminded him of the incident more than once.

7.2.27. Lena picked up a stick, which she held out in front of her as a sword, and Phineas ran into it. It was entirely an accident, and Lena at once dropped her sword, but Phineas was angry and cried. All the others said, "Now, we won't fight Phineas, we'll only fight Lena/" Lena ran and clung on to Miss C., really frightened, but soon they were friends again.

8.2.27. The elder children (Priscilla, etc.) had borrowed Jessica's table to take upstairs for their own purposes. To-day she wanted a table to do picture blocks, and used one of Priscilla's which was downstairs. Priscilla remarked on this, and Jessica said, "Can I use it?" Priscilla: "Oh, yes, I'll let you because we've got your best table upstairs." Priscilla could see more quickly than Jessica how the picture ought to go, and began to interfere with her. Jessica called out, "No, no!" Priscilla said, "Very well, you shan't work on my table." Jessica tried to resist for a moment, so Miss C. asked her, "Would you like to get your own from upstairs?" Priscilla and Dan opposed this, because they said the type-writer was on it, and Jessica was "not allowed" to go upstairs.

Miss C. and Jessica went up to get it, and Priscilla and Dan and Conrad tried to prevent her getting it, but soon accepted the situation.

Spring Term 1927. Jane led the boys, all younger than herself, in frequent expressions of hostility to Priscilla, shutting her out of their games and persuading them to say they did not like her. Priscilla, who had reigned supreme before Jane arrived, was really miserable most of the time because of this, and did not recover her spirits until Jane went away before she did, at the end of the term.

9.3.27. To-day there was hostile feeling and rivalry between Jane and Conrad on one side, and Priscilla and Dan on the other.